

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 6:13-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **“The One And Only Promise Keeper”**

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest. In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law, being centrality of those ministries.

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Hebrews 6:13-18

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## **“The One And Only Promise Keeper”**

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### **Is Bound To Himself**

1a.) What God says is what He will say

vs. 13

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**Promise** grk: epaggello  
to proclaim or to make a pledge with your words. to tie yourself to.

**Swear** grk: omnuo  
to make an oath by swearing a promise to the oath.

## How can I be sure of these things?

Psalm 138:2

I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; (here is the because) For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

When there seems like there is nothing left to hold on to

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

But what about when others have let you down

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1b.) What God does is what He will do

vs. 14

14 saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.”

**The last time I checked,  
Genesis 12:1-2 was still in the Bible.**

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you.

**Multiplying**

grk: plethuno

to increase, to be increasing, to be filled to the fullest measure.

**But Jack -  
Why would God keep His promise to me?**

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2.) He has set the times for Himself

vs. 15-16

Hebrews 6:15-16

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2a.) When God goes to work, He works a work

vs. 15

Hebrews 6:15

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**Because the Timing of all things are in His hands.**

**Patiently / Endured** grk: makrothumeo

to persevere through a storm, to face the opposition (or elements) as in giving the outcome to God. to surrender the time to, to yield up or to let go of the clock. to give it to Him – give God the time.

**Obtained**

grk: epitugchano

to light upon, or to take possession of, to acquire.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting (set in perpetuity) Father (the ancestor or governor of the ages), Prince of Peace.

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Philippians 1:6

(Be) being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

## **“The One And Only Promise Keeper” He Has Set The Times For Himself**

2b.) When God finishes a work, the work is finished

vs. 16

Hebrews 6:16

16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them - an end of all dispute.

### **Oath**

grk: epitugchano

to light up or shine a light upon, to make clear a formal declaration or promise, a pledge, (often used by calling on God to be the sacred witness).

### **Dispute**

grk: ntilogia

to stop a contradiction, to end a rebellion(1).

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Psalms 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

## “The One And Only Promise Keeper”

3.) He cannot change Himself

vs. 17-18

### “The One And Only Promise Keeper”

#### He Cannot Change Himself

3a.) It's impossible for God to transition

vs. 17

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, He confirmed it by an oath,

**Determining** grk: boulomai  
desiring (God), intentional (God), willing (God),

**Abundantly** grk: perissos  
abounding all the more, excessive,

#### 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**Heirs** grk: kleros  
the legal and allotted beneficiary, the one to whom the inheritance is promised and thus given.

**Immutability** grk: ametathetos  
the unchangeable nature of the unchangeable or immutable God. (The attribute of the God of the Old and New Testament, the God of Christianity).

**Confirmed** grk: mesiteuo;  
to interpose or to be the mediator, the arbitrator.

#### 1 Timothy 2:5-6 ESV

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

#### Numbers 23:19

“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do?”

Malachi 3:6

“For I am the LORD, I do not change;

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Deuteronomy 7:9

“Therefore, know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Ezra 3:11

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel.” Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Daniel 9:4

And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

Exodus 19:5

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Deuteronomy 7:6

“For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

Psalms 136:1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

## **“The One And Only Promise Keeper” He Cannot Change Himself**

3b.) It’s impossible for God to waver

vs. 18a

18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie,  
we might have strong consolation,

**Strong**

grk: ischuros

as in all severe, all powerful, all mighty, all fortitude, all boldness—

**Consolation** grk: paraklesis  
aid, encouragement, comfort, appeal (1), comfort (13),

**James 1:17**

**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.**

Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; 22 his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

The Hebrew word ( chesed ) for steadfast means a **love that is loyal**. It's not only an **undying loyal love** but it is a **keeping loyal love**. It never fades away or diminishes.

The word incorporates into its meaning the goodness of God the steadfastness of God - the kindness of God - the faithfulness of God

(The God who will always be here)

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He Cannot Change Himself**

3c.) It's impossible for God to refuse

vs. 18b

who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

**Fled** grk: atapheugo  
to flee, to seek out, to be in a “dead” run. to be a fugitive, in pursuit after the person or place of and for your life.

**Refuge** heb: manos  
The hiding place, the place of escape, the place of protection

**Example of Him being our Refuge**

Exodus 33:18-23

And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.” 19 Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” 20 But He said,

“You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.” 21 And the LORD said, “Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

### Verse 18b

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**Lay Hold** grk: krateo  
to arrest, to cling to, hold fast, to retain, to have seized upon.

**Hope** grk: elpis  
Full and total expectation, to put all your hope into (God)

### John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

### Romans 8:28-32

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

**But Jack -**

if I decide to give Jesus the wheel – how do I do that?

**But Jack -**

where do I begin?

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